



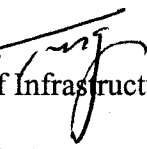
U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Highway
Administration**

Memorandum

6300 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Virginia 22101-2296

Subject: **ACTION:** Clarification on Funding for National Pooled
Fund Project TPF-5(004)

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Reply to
Attn of: HRDI-13

To: Division Administrators
Resource Center Managers

The Federal Highway Administration has established a national pooled fund project TPF 5(004), "Long Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) Specific Pavements Study (SPS) Traffic Data Collection." Previously, the use of State Planning and Research (SP&R) funds without State matching funds were approved. Because of strong national interest in the LTPP SPS traffic project, we ask you to contact your State to clarify that 100 percent Federal-aid funding may be used for all the items needed for the pooled fund study.

This includes what was previously considered the States responsibility for the pavement construction costs for the 500-foot concrete slab, as well as the Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) system, annual site visits, and data collection and processing for the SPS experiment. At the discretion of the State, construction of a 500-foot concrete slab in the adjacent lane to the SPS WIM system is eligible for 100 percent Federal-aid, SP&R funding under this project. The cost of the concrete installation for the LTPP site was determined to be incidental to the primary purpose of the study, to collect research quality pavement loading data.

Since the project has already been established, your State and the Division can take the necessary actions to place funds under agreement using the project number TPF5 004 in the Fiscal Management Information System. We encourage interested States to take action as soon as possible. For description of the study, please contact Mr. Larry Wiser, Office of Infrastructure R&D, at (202) 493-3079, or at: <http://www.tfhr.gov/pavement/ltpp/spstraffic/index.htm>.

If you have any administrative questions, please contact Mr. William Zaccagnino, Office of Program Development and Evaluation (HRPD-01), at (202) 493-3183.